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# INDIANA COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH

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## MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

**Meeting Date:** August 1, 2000  
**Meeting Time:** 11:30 A.M.  
**Meeting Place:** State House, 200 W. Washington  
St., Room 233  
**Meeting City:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Meeting Number:** 2

**Members Present:** Rep. Susan Crosby, Chairperson; Robert Bonner; David Giles; Galen Goode; John Huber; Jerri Lerch; Amelia Cook Lurvey; Janet Marich.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Gloria Goeglein; Sen. Steven Johnson; Sen. Cleo Washington; Gloria Kardee; Stephen Spindler; Judith Tilton.

Representative Crosby (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at approximately 11:45 a.m. She explained that the purpose of this meeting, which was a working lunch, was for the commission members to discuss possible study topics for this interim.

The Chairperson reminded the commission members that the commission's next meeting will be held on August 28 at Park Center in Fort Wayne. Additional details regarding the exact location and the time of the meeting will be forthcoming.

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The Chairperson explained that the commission has divided up the topics which were referred to the commission by the Legislative Council among its remaining meetings as follows:

- September 25--civil commitment of sexually violent predators.
- October 16--children's mental health.
- October 30--funding issues.

Possible study topics suggested by commission members included the following:

- September 25:
  - Civil commitment of children.
  - Marion County diversion program for first-time offenders.
  - Varying interpretation of civil commitment laws by different judges.
  - Use of telephonic or video testimony of experts in commitment proceedings.
  - Priority of placement of individuals from the Department of Correction (DOC) into state operated facilities, including testimony regarding the Division of Mental Health's (DMH) bed allocation process.
- October 16:
  - Collaboration among agencies (e.g., Department of Education and DMH) regarding disabled children, particularly violent children.
  - Update on child mental health initiatives.
  - Marion County Dawn Project.
- October 30:
  - Update from Janet Corson at DMH.
  - Examination of most recent actuarial study (i.e., goals v. actual accomplishments).
  - Status update on 2002 actuarial study.
  - Rural/urban skew of mental health services.
  - Treatment received by the mentally ill in DOC, including the appropriateness and timeliness of medications.
  - Progress on New Castle facility.
  - Persons released from DOC to DMH.
  - Any other relevant issues.
  - Consideration of possible recommendations, legislation and final report.

No study topics were suggested by the members of the public in attendance.

The Chairperson informed the commission members that the commission's report is due ten days after the commission's final meeting and that the deadline for having a meeting is October 31. She told the members that the final meeting will most likely be a very long one.

With no other business to come before the commission, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately noon.

(After the meeting, commission members attended a presentation by Howard Goldman at LaRue D. Carter Memorial Hospital sponsored by DMH. Mr. Goldman is an editor of the Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health. A copy of the Executive Summary of the report was presented to the commission at its first meeting, July 13, 2000, and is on file with the Legislative Information Center.)